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Yuichi ARITA, et al.

Application No.: 09/268,999

Group Art Unit: 2123

Confirmation No.: 9272

Filed: March 16, 1999

Examiner: K. Thangavelu

For: SIMULATION APPARATUS, SIMULATION METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING SIMULATION PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON AS WELL AS DESIGNING SUPPORTING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR REFUND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

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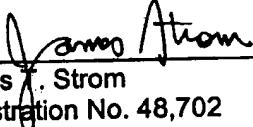
Sir:

Attached hereto is a copy of a Request for Continued Examination filed May 11, 2004 showing a fee of \$840.00 filed in the above-referenced application. The fee relates to the Patent Office Fees for filing Second and Third Months Extensions of Time. However, no such Second and Third Months Extensions of Time fee were required because Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for One Month Extension of Time on March 12, 2004 (copies included). On May 12, 2004, when the RCE was filed, no extension of time was needed and the \$840.00 was erroneously paid.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this charge be refunded and credited to Deposit Account No. 19-3935 and that the Patent Office acknowledge this credit in writing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,  
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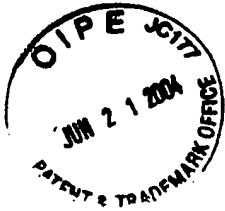
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Attention: After Final

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed November 12, 2003 finally rejecting claims 1-9, 12-25 and 27-29. The items checked below are appropriate:

1. EXTENSION OF TIME PETITION AND FEE

Attached is a petition for a one-month extension of time for reply to the final rejection. \$ 110.00

2. APPEAL FEE

Other than a small entity 330.00

TOTAL FEE \$ 440.00

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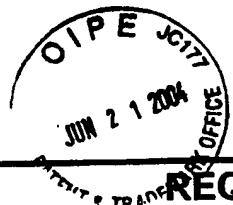
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)****TRANSMITTAL**

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**(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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1.

**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 12, 2004  
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iii.  Other

b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other

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**Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required).

b.  Other

	BASIC FEE	\$ 770.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <del>January 12, 2004</del> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010));	204 JUN 25 PM 3:21	840.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)		
Total of above Calculations =	\$	1610.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).		
TOTAL FEES DUE =	\$	1610.00
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A check in the amount of \$ \$1610.00 is enclosed.  
 Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

**7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:  
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**8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

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**9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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